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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Lisa B. Arthur
Group Art Unit : 1655
Applicants : Bernard F. Mach et al.
Application No.: 08/484,786 Confirmation No.: 4894
Filed : June 7, 1995
For : DNA SEQUENCES CODING FOR THE DR β -CHAIN LOCUS
OF THE HUMAN LYMPHOCYTE ANTIGEN COMPLEX AND
POLYPEPTIDES, DIAGNOSTIC TYPING PROCESSES AND
PRODUCTS RELATED THERETO

New York, New York
May 16, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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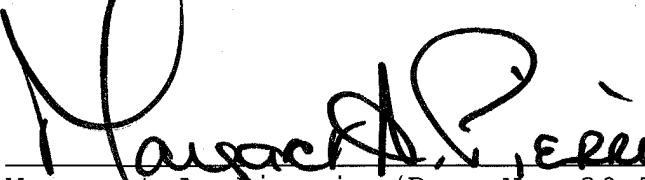
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants request that the time for filing a Response to the November 16, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application be extended for a period of three months, from February 16, 2002, up to and including May 16, 2002.

Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$920.00 in payment of the fee for this three-month extension [37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a)]. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fee required in connection with this Petition, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

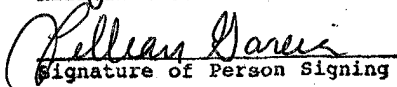
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